

## **Executive Order 2008-14**

### **Executive Order Establishing “Governor’s P-20 Council of Arizona” (Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2005-26)**

**WHEREAS**, a healthy economy and individual earning potential depends on the quality and availability of education from preschool through adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona’s population continues to grow at nearly double the national average, placing greater demand on the state’s early childhood, elementary, secondary and postsecondary systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona employers and educators alike recognize the importance of well-aligned, rigorous educational opportunities and a workforce that is qualified for high-value jobs that can sustain Arizona’s economy and fast-growing service needs into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is behind the national average in bachelor's degree production and is below average in the percentage of graduating students who go to college directly from high school, representing less than half of all graduating students; and

**WHEREAS**, improved access to and completion of higher education may require new, affordable and more flexible ways of delivering degree programs among and between community colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, communities, employers and educators across Arizona have begun looking at ways to increase educational rigor and preparation for postsecondary education and training; and

**WHEREAS**, enhanced student success in early childhood, elementary, secondary and postsecondary programs and the workplace requires a comprehensive, statewide approach to education that ensures opportunities for individuals from preschool through postsecondary education;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby create the Governor’s P-20 Council of Arizona (the “P-20 Council”) and order as follows:

(1) The P-20 Council shall consist of an appropriate number of members to represent the education and workplace communities. The Governor or her designee shall Chair the P-20 Council and appoint all members unless otherwise indicated. Additional membership shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Four (4) members of the Arizona State Legislature who will serve as ex-officio members;
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee;
- A member of the Arizona Board of Regents
- Arizona’s three (3) state university presidents;

- At least four (4) community college representatives, at least two shall be rural community college representatives;
  - At least two (2) Career and Technical Education representatives;
  - At least four (4) K-12 education representatives: one shall represent a middle school or junior high school; one shall represent a high school; one shall represent a charter school; and one shall represent a classroom teacher;
  - A member of the Arizona State Board of Education;
  - A representative of a four-year, private postsecondary institution;
  - A representative of the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy;
  - A representative of the Arizona Economic Resources Organization (AERO);
  - At least eight (8) members of the public including, but not limited to, representatives from parent groups, business, industry, and philanthropic organizations;
  - A member of the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board;
  - At least two (2) representatives of the early childhood education community;
  - A representative actively engaged in high school dropout prevention programs or policy;
  - A student representative of a high school or postsecondary institution;
  - A Tribal representative;
  - At least three (3) locally elected officials, one of which shall be a school board member.
- (2) The P-20 Council shall explore ways Arizona can achieve a more effective, efficient and equitable education pipeline through some or all of the following strategies:
- Ensure every child is safe, healthy and ready to succeed;
  - Ensure every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader is able to read at grade level;
  - Ensure every 8<sup>th</sup> grader is prepared to take and pass algebra;
  - Ensure every graduating high school student is prepared for work and postsecondary education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and
  - Ensure that Arizona's education system creates a strong flow of students who are prepared to build and sustain a knowledge-based economy.
- (3) Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (4) Members, unless otherwise indicated, **may not** send designees to represent them at the Council meetings. Members who miss more than three (3) consecutive council meetings are subject to replacement at the sole discretion of the Governor.
- (5) The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other committees as necessary.
- (6) The Council shall meet to conduct its affairs at least four times each year and these meetings can be at various locations across the state.

- (7) The status of the Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2010 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
**GOVERNOR**

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on the 18 day of February Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

**ATTEST:**   
**SECRETARY OF STATE**